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SUBJECT: WEST AFRICA: AF DAS FITZGERALD'S NOVEMBER 18
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UK FOREIGN OFFICE REF: STATE 117707 Classified By: Political Counselor Robin Quinville, reasons 1.4 (b/d).

- [1](#). (C/NF) Summary. In meetings with British counterpart Janet Douglas and other Foreign Office officials, AF DAS William Fitzgerald reviewed
- [2](#). (SBU) AF DAS William Fitzgerald met with Janet Douglas, Head of the Foreign Office's South, Central, and West Africa Group, Group Deputy Je
Guinea - Forging a Consensus on the Way Forward -----
- [3](#). (C/NF) After providing an update on the situation in Guinea and discussing his November 16 meetings with French officials (Paris septel), F
- [4](#). (C/NF) Douglas and Townson agreed that an ECOWAS observer force may provide vital stability in any power vacuum created by a potential Dadi
- [5](#). (C/NF) In the EU, Townson said the focus of Guinea discussions has been on sanctions, the arms embargo, the travel ban, and supporting Comp
- [6](#). (C/NF) As a side note, Douglas said that Dadis had tried to send his son to the UK for 12 months of schooling after which he would transfer
Sahel - The "Creeping Terrorist Threat" -----
- [7](#). (C/NF) Douglas said she sees the terrorist threat in the Sahel as the "creeping threat" of radical islamization across the region and indic
- [8](#). (C/NF) On the long-standing idea of a Sahel summit in the region, she said the UK would continue to publicly support the idea, but that she
Nigeria - The Way Forward on Elections -----
- [9](#). (C/NF) Noting the close cooperation of the U.S. and UK missions on the ground, Douglas said that it is a good thing that Nigerian President
Ghana - Mills' Rumored Illness and Oil -----
- [10](#). (C/NF) Douglas and Welsh said they had heard rumors of Ghanaian President John Atta Mills' various illness (diabetes, cancer), but that he
Niger - Dealing with the Third Term -----
- [11](#). (C/NF) Townson said dealing with Niger in the EU has been "interesting" because the French thought they would be able "to sort out the thi
Mali - UK to Open One-Person Post -----
- [12](#). (C) Following Foreign Office junior minister Ivan Lewis' November 4 visit to Mali, Townson explained that the Foreign Office planned to of
- [13](#). (C/NF) Townson said the recent kidnapping attempt had caused the UK to review the whereabouts of its nationals in the region. Townson sai
A Spanish EU Presidency -----
- [14](#). (C/NF) Douglas said a Spanish Presidency "wasn't great" for the EU on Africa. She said she anticipated a focus on migration issues and fi